

LOUISIANA
SECOND QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW

The average quarterly employment for Louisiana during second quarter 2003 was 1,861,983, an increase of 1.6% from the first quarter 2003, and an increase of 0.1% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 18 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 11.9% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation. Average quarterly employment by NAICS sector and subsector is shown in the table "Louisiana Statewide" beginning on page 6.

Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in the state with 259,414 employees, or 13.9% of total employment. RLMA one was the leading region with 603,220 employees, or 32.4% of total employment.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2003, first quarter 2003, second quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Louisiana Average Employment and Units – Second Quarter 2003" on page 3. Louisiana's average employment distribution by NAICS sectors and RLMA can be found in the charts on pages 4 and 5 respectively.

Total wages increased 2.4% from the same period in 2002, and increased by 0.9% from first quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$579.47.

Average weekly wage data for each RLMA is listed in the following table. Average weekly wage data by NAICS sector and subsector is shown in the table "Louisiana Statewide" beginning on page 6.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
RLMA 1	\$ 620.12
RLMA 2	589.29
RLMA 3	585.78
RLMA 4	569.22
RLMA 5	547.41
RLMA 6	502.81
RLMA 7	547.10
RLMA 8	500.42

The number of reporting units for second quarter 2003 was 116,584, an increase of 796 units or 0.7% from first quarter 2003, and an increase of 2,005 units or 1.7% from the same period in 2002. The number of reporting units for second quarter 2003, first quarter 2003, second quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Louisiana Average Employment and Units – Second Quarter 2003" on page 3.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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